

A NEW SPECIES OF *GALIBLATT*A FROM BRAZIL
(BLATTARIA, BLABERIDAE).

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The genus *Galiblat*ta Hebard includes a single species *G. cri*brosa Hebard, described from St. Jean du Maroni, French Guiana (Hebard, 1926). According to Bruijning (1953) the species is also common in the interior of Surinam. Princis' (1963) catalogue records only the above 2 references under *Galiblat*ta and the genus is not included in Rocha e Silva Albuquerque's (1964) checklist of Brazilian cockroaches.

This paper contains the description of a second species of *Galiblat*ta, closely related to *G. cri*brosa, which I collected near Manaus, Brazil. The original adult male and female were collected under palm frond debris on July 29, 1967, and the female gave birth on September 19, 1967. Fifteen individuals were reared and all were males (14 adults, 1 nymph); no females were produced in this litter. The female had oviposited again by October 4, but died before giving birth again.

Galiblat*ta *williamsi new species.

(Figs. 1-3, 6-8, 12-16, 20)

Male: The number of chromosomes in the male (cells in the testes of one nymph were examined) is $2n = 27$; presumably the female has $2n = 28$. In addition to mitotic chromosomes (Fig. 1), cells with 13 and 14 meiotic chromosomes were seen.

The male of *G. williamsi* (Fig. 2) differs from *G. cri*brosa (Fig. 4) principally in the structure of one of the left phallomeres. The phallomeres L1 (Figs. 12, 17), and R2 (Figs. 14, 16, 19) are very similar in both species. However, L2d of *cri*brosa (Fig. 18) is more elongate and tapered than in *williamsi* (Figs. 13, 15); and the apical portion of L2d is tuberculate in *cri*brosa (Fig. 21) and smooth or slightly rugose (Fig. 20) (perhaps this is due to clearing and mounting the specimen on a slide) in *williamsi*.

Hebard (1926) in his generic description of *Galiblat*ta stated that the styles were "... partially or wholly atrophied" and in *G. cri*brosa (Hebard, 1926, p. 237, footnote 109) the sinistral style in the male is absent "... apparently due to atrophy." Both styles of the male of *G. williamsi* are well developed (Fig. 10), though



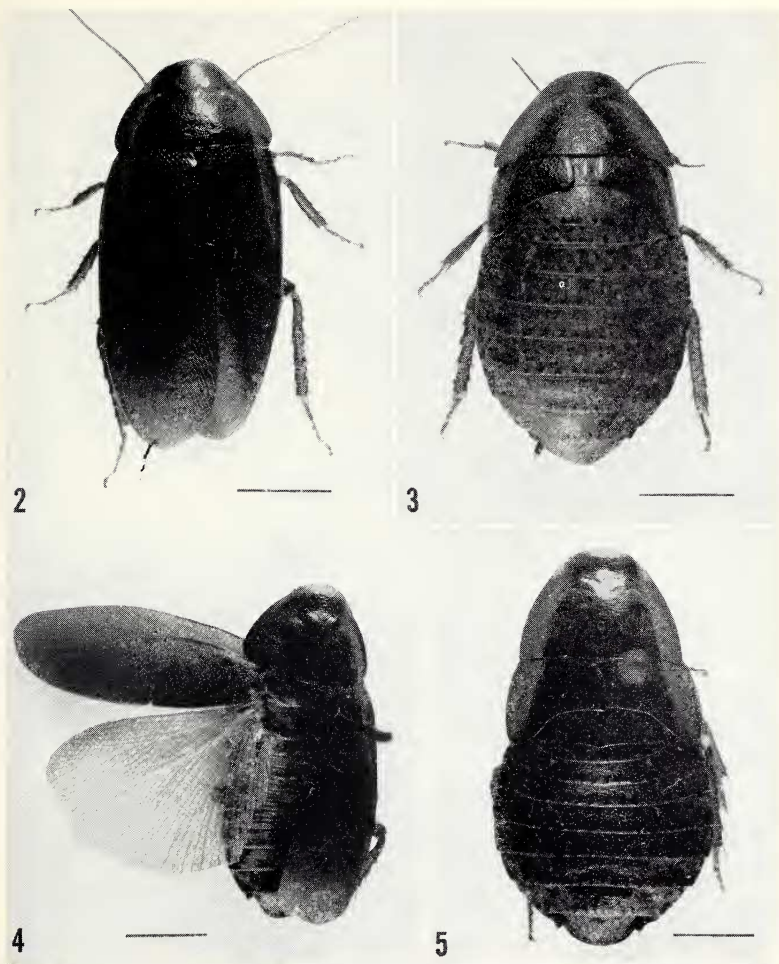
Fig. 1. Chromosomes (mitotic metaphase) from the testes of a male nymph of *Galiblatia williamsi* sp. nov. ($2n = 27$).

the left one is smaller than the right. It is probable that the left styles in Hebard's 2 specimens were broken off; under high magnification a small rough-edged stump represents the point of attachment of the left style in the type specimen of *cribrosa* (Fig. 11, arrow).

The coriaceous punctulate tegmina of *williamsi* are shown in Fig. 6. The wings of the 2 species differ in that *cribrosa* (Fig. 9) has 3 complete and 2 incomplete branches of the ulnar vein, running somewhat obliquely posteriorly. In *williamsi* (Fig. 8) there are apparently only 2 complete and about 3 incomplete branches of the ulnar vein; the basal third of one of the complete branches is oblique but then runs longitudinally to the wing margin.

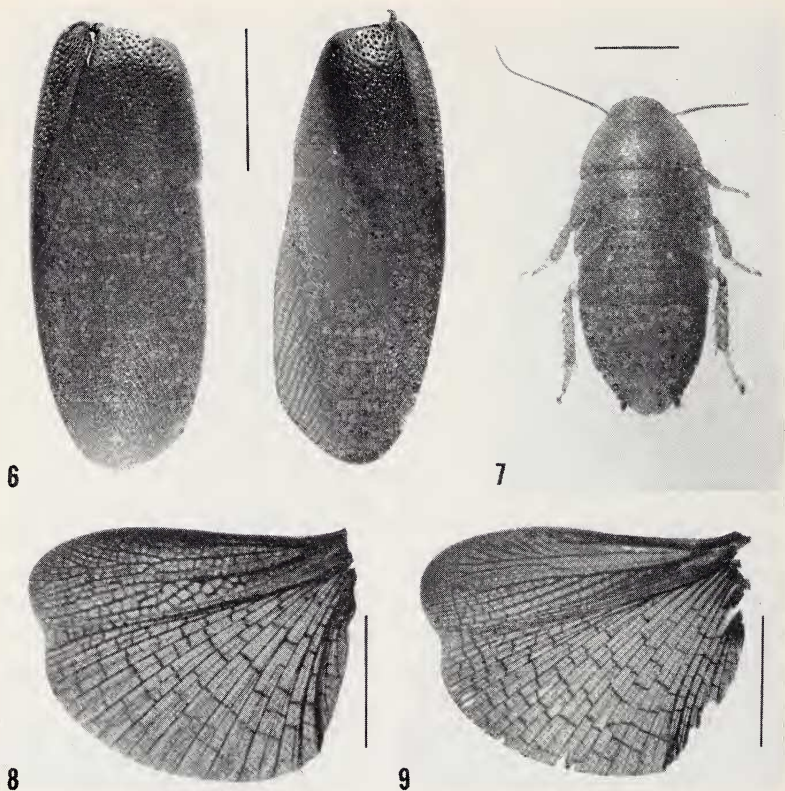
The adult male of *williamsi* is darker in tone than *cribrosa*. The adult males of both species of *Galiblatia* lack tergal glands. The male nymph (Fig. 7) shows the faint meso-lateral abdominal markings present in the female.

Female, Allotype: The most striking differences between the females of *G. williamsi* and *G. cribrosa* are found in the tegmina, and shape of the thorax. The whole anterior half (tegmina and pronotum) of *cribrosa* (Fig. 5) is more strongly tapered and convex



Figs. 2-3. Adults of *Galiblatia williamsi* sp. nov. 2. Male. 3. Female, Allotype. Taruma-Acu, Rio Negro, Amazonas, Brazil.

Figs. 4-5. Adults of *Galiblatia cribrata* Hebard. 4. Male, Type (No. 1029 A.N.S.P.). 5. Female, Allotype. St. Jean du Maroni, French Guiana (Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia). (Horizontal bars = 5 mm.)



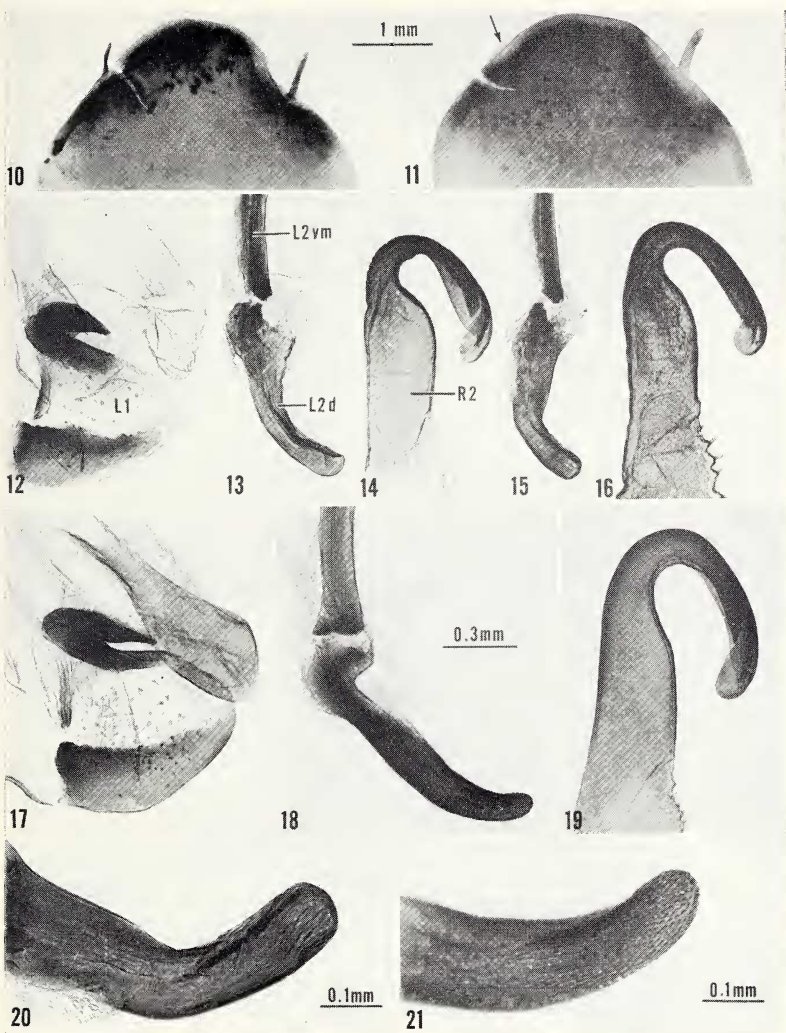
Figs. 6-8. *Galiblatla williamsi* sp. nov. 6. Male tegmina. 7. Full grown nymph. 8. Left male wing.

Fig. 9. *Galiblatla cribrata* Hebard. Left male wing (Type No. 1029 A.N.S.P.). (Line = 5 mm.)

EXPLANATION OF PLATE 20

Figs. 10-11. Posterior portions of male subgenital plates (ventral). 10. *Galiblatla williamsi* sp. nov. 11. *Galiblatla cribrata* Hebard (Type No. 1029 A.N.S.P.). (Both specimens are split on the left side due to flattening; arrow in Fig. 10 indicates the probable point of attachment of the left style.)

Figs. 12-21. Phallomeres of male genitalia. 12-16. *Galiblatla williamsi* sp. nov. 12. First sclerite of left phallomere (L1). 13, 15. Part of median sclerite (L2vm) and left dorsal sclerite (L2d). 14, 16. Hooked sclerite of right phallomere (R2). (Parts shown in Figs. 12-14 from specimen A, and those in 15 and 16 from specimen B). 17-19. *Galiblatla cribrata* Hebard. Phallomeres of male genitalia (comparable to those shown in Figs. 12-14) of Type No. 1029 (Figs. 12-19 enlarged to scale shown in Fig. 18). 20-21. Enlarged apical portions of L2d. 20. *Galiblatla williamsi* (from Fig. 15). 21. *Galiblatla cribrata* Hebard (from Fig. 18). (Terminology after McKittrick, 1964.)



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than in *williamsi* (Fig. 3). The tegminal pads in *cribrosa* are attingent and uniformly colored. The costal margins of the tegmina of *williamsi* are brownish yellow and the pads are distinctly separated from one another. The abdomens of both species are punctulate, but the punctulations are fine in *cribrosa* and coarse in *williamsi*.

Measurements for both species are given in Table 1.

Princis (1963) placed *Galiblatia* in the Laxtinae. McKittrick examined a male of *G. williamsi* and stated (personal communication) that it belongs in the Epilamprinae of her classification (McKittrick, 1964).

Type ♂ (No. 70220), allotype ♀, 4 male paratypes (type and paratypes reared from the allotype ♀) and one male nymph are deposited in the U. S. National Museum.

Type locality: Taruma-Açu (along a secondary river leading into the Rio Negro) about 15 Km. northeast of Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.

The species is named after Dr. Carroll Williams, who headed Phase C of the Alpha Helix Expedition to the Amazon.

Table 1. Measurements (mm.) of two species of *Galiblatia*.

| | <i>G. cribrosa</i> Hebard ^a | <i>G. williamsi</i> sp. nov. ^b |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Length of body ♂ | 20.3; 19.7 | 19.5 |
| ♀ | 23.9; 23.1 | 21.5 |
| Length of pronotum ♂ | 5.7; 5.8 | 5.7 |
| ♀ | 7.1; 6.7 | 5.9 |
| Width of pronotum ♂ | 7.8; 7 | 7.8 |
| ♀ | 9.8; 9.9 | 9 |
| Length of tegmen ♂ | 15.3; 15.3 | 14.1 |
| ♀ ^c | 5.3; 4.9 | 3.8 |
| Width of tegmen ♂ | 6 ; 5.9 | 6 |
| ♀ | 7 ; 6.8 | 5 |
| Width of abdomen ♂ | 8.3; 8.6 | 8.4 |
| ♀ | 13 ; 12 | 10.5 |

^aMeasurements of type (♂) and allotype (♀) are followed by those of paratypes. From Hebard (1926).

^bMeasurements of type (♂) and allotype (♀).

^cGreatest exposed lateral length.

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